

July 14, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working
Group Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch,

As a resident of a rural state, I am writing to express support for the continued build-out of the LightSquared 4G wireless broadband infrastructure. For years, our state has been seriously underserved in the telecommunications industry. In fact, one of our small towns is known for having the last crank phone in the country. While it's been a bit over twenty-five years since they upgraded to the dial tone, there are many parts of our state that have not proceeded much beyond that. Far too many Maine people still rely on the dial tone for their internet access.

This virtual digital divide creates a real economic divide between the more urban areas of the state and the rural areas where coverage is spotty at best. Our lawmakers have worked diligently to bridge that gap, particularly with the advancement of the 3-Ring Binder project currently being built. However, there will still be regions of the state in the dark. The LightSquared project is the first nationwide build-out that could truly address rural internet issues.

As I understand it, the GPS spectrum is bleeding beyond its limits causing problems for its precision device users. I agree that we do not want to undercut the use or growth of GPS, however, I also realize that rural economic growth is being stymied by lack of reliable broadband and wireless services. We need both. I'm not an engineering expert, but it seems to me if we can put a man on the moon, we can sort through the challenges between precision GPS devices and the LightSquared project.

I urge the FCC to bring the stakeholder groups to the table to craft a reasonable solution. For those of us in rural America, we could care less about 3G or 4G speed; we're on dial up.

We just want the internet to work!

Sincerely,

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